

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-10 and 15-20 are CANCELLED from consideration.

Claims 11, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 are rejected.

## **CLAIMS**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
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10. (Cancelled)
11. (Currently Amended) A device for closing bags having handles with a strap means with a first end and a second end and a strap length between the first end and second end of closing a loop in the strap length between the first end and the second end for closing a loop in the trap length between the first end and the second end comprised of a support means comprising at least one rack arm with a first front end and first rear end and an arm length between the first front end and the first rear end for supporting at least one strap means between the at least one rack arm with a first front end and first rear end and an arm length between the first front end and the first rear end for supporting at least on strap means between the at least one first end and at lest one second end along the arm length and for holding at least one bag handle over the strap means length.

12.(Currently Amended) The invention of claim 11 wherein the support means further comprises at least one second rack arm with a first front end and first rear end and an arm length between the first front end and the first rear end for supporting at least one second strap means between the at least one first front end and at least one first rear end of the second support means along the arm length, and for holding at least one bag handle over a second strap means.

13. (Currently Amended) The invention of claim 11 wherein the bags have a top and a bottom and a length from the bag top and bottom and wherein the support means further comprises a base and wherein the at least one rack arm is above the base by at least the bag length.

14. (Currently Amended) The invention of claim 11, wherein the support means further comprises a package holding a means for holding and dispensing a plurality of handles onto the first front end and the first read end.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (New Claim) The invention of claim 12 wherein the bags comprise a loaded width and the support means further comprises a mounting means for supporting the at least one rack arm and at least one second rack arm so that the at least one rack arm is supported, separated by a distance at least equal to the loaded width from the at least one second rack arm.

22. (New Claim) The invention of claim 21 wherein the mounting means comprises a loading position for loading the bag handles over the strap means and wherein the mounting means is rotational to alternate the position between the at least one rack arm and at least one second rack arm to the loading position.

23. (New Claim) The invention of claim 13 wherein the support means further comprise a bag support plate for supporting the bag attached below the at least one rack arm at a height less than the bag length.

24. (New Claim) The invention of claim 11 wherein the first rear end has a front and back and the strap means comprises a handle and wherein the bags are held on the back of the rear end and the strap length runs between the front side of the first rear end and the first front end.

25. (New Claim) The invention of claim 24 wherein the support means further comprises a strap dispensing means on the back of the rear end for dispensing a plurality of straps over the at least one arm length.

26. (New Claim) The invention of claim 11 wherein the invention is operated by a user standing comprises a user location adjacent to the support means ~~from the invention~~ and wherein the [invention is] support means further comprises at least one rack means for holding bags while they are loaded adjacent to the user location.

27. (New Claim) The invention of claim 14 wherein the strap means comprises a loop having a first and second length and a handle fixed along the first length of the loop.

28. (Currently Amended) The invention of claim 27 wherein the package holding means is for holding the handle while the bag handles are placed over the strap.

29. (New claim) The invention of claim 12 further comprising a second user location adjacent to the support arm for a second user to retrieve the loaded bags.